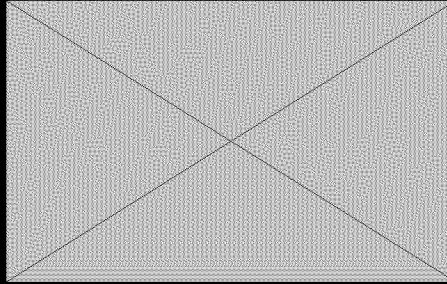


To: Enck, Judith[Enck.Judith@epa.gov]
From: Christopher Goeken - NYLCV
Sent: Tue 7/12/2016 7:04:30 PM
Subject: Help Hoosick Falls residents hold polluters accountable



The legislature passed the Superfund Date of Discovery Act so New Yorkers harmed by chemicals from a Superfund site like Hoosick Falls can hold polluters accountable. Tell Governor Cuomo to sign it into law today! >>

DEAR GOVERNOR CUOMO,

I write to you today urging you to sign the Superfund Date of Discovery Act (S.6824-A/A.9568-A) into law.

With the recent discovery of contaminated drinking water in Hoosick Falls, residents learned that they may have been exposed to harmful chemicals in their water.

Unfortunately, current law leaves residents who became or will become ill without legal recourse against those responsible. For

residents who may develop pollution related illnesses years after exposure, this is an unfair and unjust result. Polluters should pay for their activities that cause harm to others.

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Judith --

Water crises are happening across the country, including in our own backyard, and polluters are being let off the hook every day as residents who become ill from contamination are left with no recourse to hold them accountable for contaminated drinking water.

Thousands of New Yorkers in towns like Hoosick Falls and Petersburg are at risk of falling ill from consuming water contaminated by Perfluorooctanoic Acid, or PFOA. Though

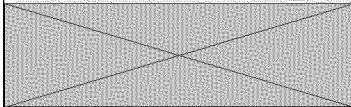
residents have already tested positive for high levels of PFOA in their bloodstreams, the effects of this contamination may take years to manifest in certain cancers, fertility issues, or heightened cholesterol levels. When the effects of pollution take this long to materialize, polluters are often long gone, the statute of limitations to sue them has run out, and residents are left with steep medical bills that are a direct result of polluters' actions.

We need to step up and make sure Hoosick Falls residents hold polluters responsible for their actions, and that all residents near future Superfund sites will be able to do the same. Tell Governor Cuomo to sign the Superfund Date of Discovery Act today!

Current New York State law gives injured parties 3 years from the date of chemical exposure to seek damages from polluters, but often illnesses resulting from pollution take many years to be diagnosed. By the time of diagnosis, the statute of limitations has already run out and polluters are off the hook, leaving residents to cover costly medical care. This is unfair and unjust.

Polluters should pay for the harm their activity causes others, and the Superfund Date of Discovery Act gives residents the power to demand that they do. This important legislation was passed with overwhelming support in both houses, now it's time for the Governor to sign it into law. **Tell Governor Cuomo you support this important legislation today! >>**

Thank you!

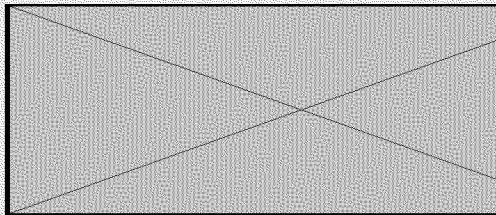


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